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	AA	5,140,050	08/18/1992	Mauldin et al.	518	715	06/26/1991
	AB	6,124,367	09/26/2000	Plecha et al.	518	715	11/02/1999
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AB	PCT International Search Report for Application No. PCT/US03/40845 Dated April 18, 2004 (3 p.)

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